Met Office supports Mountain Information in Snowdonia

13 February 2012 - The Met Office mountain forecasts provide hill walkers with the latest information on the expected conditions in the mountains.

Today sees the launch of The Mountain Information Services Project at Snowdonia National Park. It aims to give mountaineers and hill-walkers access to state-of-the-art information as well as traditional safety advice, enabling them to plan a journey or walk in the mountains of Snowdonia safely.

Mountains can be inhospitable and dangerous places if you are not prepared. The weather can vary a great deal and change very quickly, posing a significant risk to walkers' safety. Whether it's a well-planned expedition or a spur-of-the-moment decision to go to the hills, it is important to check the forecast.

In addition to the mountain area forecasts provided on our website, the Met Office have produced a series of five short video clips narrated by ITV national weather presenter Sian Lloyd. These demonstrate the way to prepare for a journey in the mountains, including hazard avoidance and what to do in an emergency.

These clips include:

- General hill skills
- What to do in an emergency
- Dealing with bad weather
- Planning for winter conditions
- Summer conditions on the mountains

Malcolm Weatherall, Public Weather Service Advisor for Wales, said: "Having the latest mountain weather forecast from the Met Office is just as important as good walking boots and a map when heading into the mountains. Weather can change quickly so access to these forecasts and videos on the move is a great way of helping to keep people safe so they can enjoy what Snowdonia has to offer."

The Met Office also provides mountain are and national park forecasts for other areas of the UK, ranging from the Scottish Highlands to the New Forest.

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